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Opinion No. 2009 - 83537

Date: 12/4/2009

Complaint Description: 19L misc line siting
N/A Not Applicable

Complaint By: First: Denise Last: Bensusan

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Street: n/a

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City: n/a

CBR:

State: AZ Zip: 00000

is: Cellular

Utility Company: Miscellaneous Electric

Division: Electric

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Nature of Complaint:

Referred by Chairman Mayes office.

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From:

Sent: Sunday, November 29, 2009 12:25 PM

To: "Undisclosed-Recipient;";

Subject: AN INTERESTING OMISSION BY HUALAPAI VALLEY SOLAR AKA MOHAVE SUN POWER

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Denise Bensusan

Like many of you, I sat through the Mohave Board of Supervisors Meeting wherein Hualapai Valley Solar AKA Mohave Sun power was approved as a wet-cooled parabolic trough power plant. A plant that can and will remove as much water from our water supply as it pleases with NO monitoring whatsoever. Not one change was made by the Board of Supervisors in HVS's zoning requests.

Head cheerleader Mayor John Salem and HVS representatives stated publicly that the plant would NOT be using large amounts of fresh water from the aquifer but would be utilizing 1800 acre feet per year of affluent from the cities Hilltop Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Watson, our illustrious District 1 Supervisor even made the comment that Mayor Salem had "MADE HIS DAY" by introducing a letter of intent to sell affluent water from a plant that is only about 40% finished. I assume of course that Mr. Watson's comments meant this gave him the right of way (excuse) to approve the project as wet-cooled instead of following the Department of Energy's guidelines of dry-cooled power plants or photovoltaic power plants. Oh, and surprise, surprise there seems to be some discrepancies in Mr. Salem's accounting of how many gallons a day the Hilltop Wastewater Treatment will produce by about half. Mr. Watson quickly made the motion to approve without conscious or dedication to the rest of this community. All the states around us are only approving photovoltaic plants and

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they are bringing in thousands of jobs into their communities. So, WHY would our public servants risk this entire community's water supply and vote to allow the use of an archaic water guzzling processes in this industry? A project that trades one natural resource for another is simply NOT a green project.

HVS has just made their official application to the Arizona Corporation Commission and lo and behold, there is a very interesting omission. There is not one mention of running a 25 mile pipeline from Hilltop Wastewater Plant to HVS in order for them to purchase affluent from the same. As a matter of fact here is not one mention of using any kind of affluent from anywhere! Many have made public statements that the use of affluent from the city of Kingman was a farce. I utilized a little different language which I cannot use here today but you all know what it is! Now folks, answer me this. Why would HVS not include the use of affluent water in their official application to the ACC? I'll tell you why...because the ACC representatives are too savvy to believe the obvious manipulations HVS, Mayor Salem and the Mohave County Board of Supervisors have thrust upon and unsuspecting public. They cooperated an EXCUSE to approve this project despite its negative impact on our infrastructure, our water supply, our property values and the very future of our families here in Mohave County.

I hear a lot from folks these days about corrupted politicians and dirty politics in general. I wish I could argue that they were wrong but they are not. What worries me the most is that we "the general public" sit by and allow it to continue and worst of all WE finance the entire scam! It grows more criminal, more arrogant and more destructive each day. We call ourselves civilized and we don't run out into the streets and physically attack the criminals who scam and sham us into poverty. We just stand back as they suck us dry with increased taxation and wasteful spending.

How many of you struggle simply to pay your real estate taxes? You might have a piece of land that is paid for free and clear, no mortgage (no money owed) on it and you sit back and think how lucky you are to be living the American Dream. Then the tax bill comes in the mail. If you have ever gotten behind on your real estate taxes you know what happens next. In time your property is sold at tax sale to investors who hope and pray that you can't pay, and your local newspaper splashes gigantic headlines in praise of Mohave Counties bringing in bundles at their tax sale. All the while most of us out there are just trying to keep the heat on and food on the table.

It's not really the taxation that is bothering me today, but the lack of protection that our "public servants" offer us in general. We invest in our homes, land and community and then they ignore the value placed on current resident's investments by threatening our water supply, clean air and futures. How many of you struggle to hold on to your home and land year after year after year? On top of this they approve projects that will be partially or completely financed with our tax dollars. We have titled those tax dollars as "stimulus monies" these days but it is still tax dollars, pure and simple.

How much advance cooperation was there between our elected idiots and HVS? How much interaction was there before the BOS agreed to approve the project wet-cooled, if Mayor Salem made his dramatic, save the day speech for HVS? Oh, and let's not forget the CONFLICT OF INTEREST in Mr. Watson voting on an item that would have benefited the city as Janet Watson (his wife) is Vice Mayor of Kingman. Whose interest exactly is Mr. Watson representing?

The omission of HVS utilizing affluent from the city in their application to ACC tells it all folks. There's a fly in the ointment folks and it's time we struck back, fight the corruption and recall the "public servants" who have so brazenly abused their power. One can only hope that the interveners of this project can convince (with facts) the line siting committee that our own local government has turned a blind eye to reality and have ignored the massive amount of scientific data that has proven that the Hualapai Aquifer is in depletion. The bottom line is that this project should be a photovoltaic project and heavy consideration should be placed on the location of the same. My personal opinion is that a company like this, who doesn't care how they destroy the community that they come into, is not welcome here.

Denise Bensusan

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Utilities' Response:

Investigator's Comments and Disposition:

12/4/09 Entered comments for the record.

12/16/09 Docketed opinion for the official record.

End of Comments

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